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The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission Authorizes Navy Access For Ordnance Disposal

A Team of Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel are scheduled to detonate munitions on the island between December 5th – 8th, 2005.

Wailuku, Hawai'i, December 2, 2005 – The second "Prompt Response" demolition operation will take place next week at selected locations on the island of Kaho'olawe. This action takes place as a result of a Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA) review last spring, where newly discovered not previously detected ordnance items were recorded.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and the U.S. Department of the Navy holds the military entity responsible for regular interval clean-ups and removal of newly discovered not previously detected ordnance. The KIRC has authorized "Restricted Airspace" to be in effect for the reserve during demolition operations, a standard operating procedure instituted during the Navy cleanup of the island. KIRC personnel will accompany the Navy team and advise them of significant natural, cultural and historic areas that are being actively managed and protected. All other KIRC programs will be suspended during that time.

The operation will take place from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily from December 5 – 8, 2005. For all inquiries regarding the Navy's access, please contact KIRC Executive Director Sol Kaho'ohalahala at (808) 243-5020.